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SUBJECT: REQUEST BY SWEDISH BUSINESS DELEGATION HEADED BY CROWN  
PRINCE BERTIL TO MEET WITH VICE PRESIDENT

REF: STOCKHOLM 675

1. AN EARLY AND FAVORABLE DECISION TO SCHEDULE METING BETWEEN  
VICE PRESIDENT AND CROWN PRINCE BERTIL AND THE SWEDISH BUSINESS  
GROUP HE HEADS WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY ADVANCE US INTERESTS IN  
SWEDEN IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY THE SOCIALIST  
FOREIGN MINISTER'S PROVOCATIVE VIETNAM SPEECH AND THE  
RESULTING SPECULATION LINKING THE SPEECH WITH THE INABILITY  
GF THE WHITE HOUSE TO SCHEDULE A MEETING WITH BERTIL.

2. LAST NIGHT AT A STATE DINNER AT THE PALACE, KING CARL  
GUSTAF REQUESTED FOUR OUT OF THE TEN AMBASSADORS PRESENT TO  
TALK WITH HIM SEPARATELY, NAMELY THE AMBASSADORS OF ISRAEL,  
NIGERIA, THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, AND MYSELF. THE  
KING OPENED HIS CONVERSATION WITH ME BY SAYING THAT HE  
THOUGHT THE BERTIL GROUP SHOULD CARRY THROUGH WITH ITS  
SCHEDULED TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES. I REPLIED THAT PRINCE  
BERTIL AND THE SWEDISH BUSINESS LEADERS HAD MANY FRIENDS IN THE  
US AND COULD BE ASSURED A WARM WELCOME AND A REWARDING  
EXPERIENCE.

3. THE KING SAID THAT HE AND PRINCE BERTIL, OF COURSE, MUST  
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BE ABOVE POLITICS, THAT NEVERTHELESS HE WAS CONCERNED WITH

GOOD SWEDISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS, AND THAT BERTIL HAS BEEN PUT  
IN A DIFFICULT POSITION.

4. I SAID I UNDERSTOOD THIS PERFECTLY, THAT US-SWEKSH  
RELATIONS HAD BEEN GOOD, BUT THAT STATEMENTS DAMAGING TO THESE  
GOOD RELATIONS OUGHT TO BE AVOIDED. THE KING SAID HE AGREED.  
THE KING SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT, IN ANY CASE, NO  
MEETING BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE BERTIL GROUP HAD BEEN  
SCHEDULED. THIS I CONFIRMED.

5. I BELIEVE THAT THE POLITICAL FORCES IN SWEDEN HOSTILE  
TO US IN VIETNAM WOULD BE PLEASED TO SEE THE BERTIL/  
BUSINESS LEADERS' VISIT SOURED OR EVEN CANCELLED.  
CONVERSELY, THE GESTURE OF A MEETING WITH VICE PRESIDENT  
ROCKEFELLER WOULD HEARTEN AND STRENGTHEN THE POLITICAL AND  
ECONOMIC ELEMENTS IN SWEDEN WHOSE COMBINED STRENGTH WILL BEST  
SUPPORT AMERICAN VALUES AND INTERESTS IN SWEDEN.  
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